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TO THE CHAIRMAN, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN  
OF THE REETH RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in presenting the Annual Report on the Health of the District for the year ended 31st December, 1965.

The Report is prepared on the lines laid down by the Ministry of Health.

The mid-year population is estimated by the Registrar General at 1,760, an increase of 20 on 1964.

There were 19 live births compared with 20 in 1964. The live birth rate was 14.89, being lower than that for England and Wales which is 18.1. There were two illegitimate births.

Total deaths numbered 24 (27 in 1964) and the death rate at 10.22 is lower than that for England and Wales at 11.5. There were no infant deaths during the year.

The main causes of death were heart Disease, 7, Respiratory Disease, 3, Vascular lesions of the Nervous System, 6, and Cancer 4.

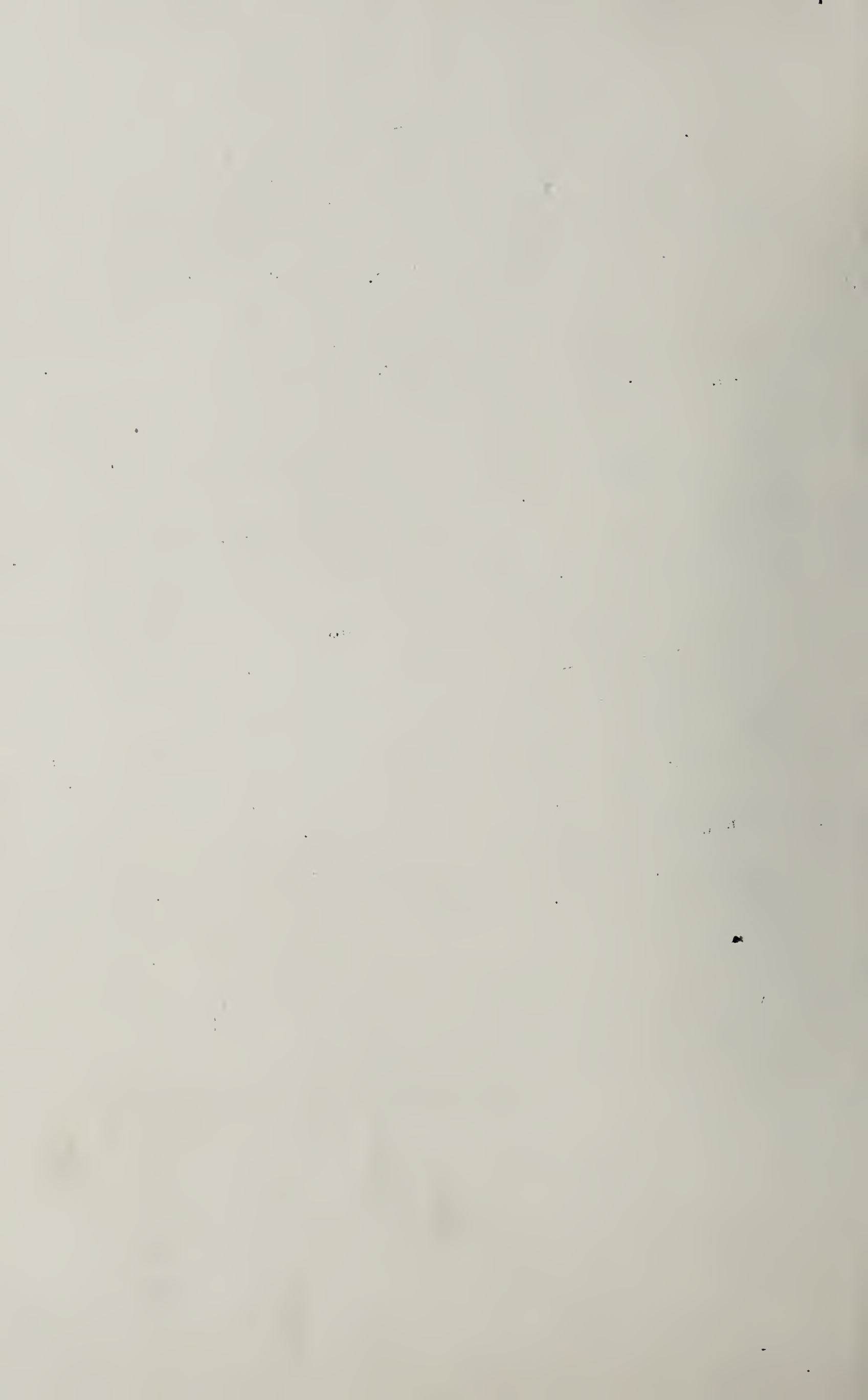
Twelve cases of infectious diseases were notified during the year; eleven cases of measles and 1 case of pneumonia. There were no cases of tuberculosis.

Water Supply. As pointed out in the Public Health Inspector's part of this report, the water supplies are far from satisfactory. However, the Northallerton and Dales Water Board have started work on the new supply for the area from West Stonesdale to Gunnerside, and are chlorinating the supplies for Reeth and Fremington.

Sewerage. Again this is unsatisfactory, especially at Reeth, Fremington, Grinton and Arkenparthdale. It is to be hoped that the schemes for this area will not be long delayed.

I would like to express my appreciation of the help and co-operation I have received from the Public Health Inspector, whose report is attached to mine.

H.R. Morrison,  
Medical Officer of Health.



# REETH RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT

## GENERAL STATISTICS.

Area of District in acres, . . . . .	74,566 acres.
Resident Population Registrar General's mid-year estimate, 1965, . . . . .	1,760 acres.
Number of inhabited houses at 1st. April, 1965, . . . . .	929
Rateable value at 1st. April, 1965, . . . . .	£34,317
Sum represented by a penny rate, . . . . .	£128. 12. 7.
Rate in £ levied at 1st. April, 1965 . . . . .	9. 1.

## VITAL STATISTICS

### BIRTHS.

The number of live births registered in the District during the year 1965 was 19 as against 20 in 1964. The birth rate comparisons show that the rate for the District is lower than the rest of England and Wales.

There were two still births registered during the year as against none in 1964.

### BIRTH RATE COMPARISONS.

Live births per 1,000 population (as adjusted by Comparability Factor supplied by the Registrar General)

		<u>Live Births.</u>	<u>Still Births.</u>
Reeth Rural District	1964	15.85	00.00
Reeth Rural District	1965	14.89	95.23
England and Wales	1965	18.1	15.7

### Analysis of Births.

Live Births.	<u>1964</u>		<u>1965</u>	
	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>
Legitimate, . . .	12	7	9	8
Illegitimate, . . .	<u>1</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>
	<u>13</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>9</u>

Illegitimate Live Births 10.52 per cent of total live births.

<u>Still Births.</u>	<u>1964</u>		<u>1965</u>	
	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>
Legitimate, . . .	—	—	1	1
Illegitimate, . . .	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>

### Deaths—Maternal Mortality.

During 1965 there was no case of a woman dying through childbirth in the District.

### Infantile Mortality.

The number of infants under one who died during the year was none against one in 1964.

# Analysis of Infectious Diseases and Comparisons with Previous Year.

	1964	1965
Tuberculosis, ... ..	1	-
Measles, ... ..	6	11
Pneumonia, ... ..	2	1
	8	12

## Vaccinations and Immunisations Against Smallpox, Diphtheria, Whooping Cough, Tetanus and Polioyelitis Carried Out During 1965.

	Vaccination	Re-vaccination
Smallpox, ...	27	15
	Primary	Booster.
Diphtheria, ...	38	17
Pertussis/Whooping Cough,	36	4
Tetanus,	39	17
Polioyelitis,	43	25

One Combined Duties Nurse is employed by the North Riding County Council to carry out the duties for the District. The following is the number of visits made to patients during 1965 and comparison with previous year.

Category	1965	1964
Domiciliary Midwifery ... ..	250	251
Home Nursing, ... ..	512	587
Health Visiting, ... ..	757	825

### Ambulance Service.

This service is provided by the North Riding County Council from the Ambulance service which has a staff of one Driver-Foreman, one Shift Leader and six Driver-Attendants.

### Prevention of Illness, Care and After-care.

A chiropodist is employed by the North Riding County Council to carry out treatment of aged people, expectant mothers physically handicapped and mentally disordered.

Sessions are held at the Memorial Hall, Reeth as and when requiring

### Domestic Help Service.

This service is provided by the North Riding County Council and during 1965 nine cases received help, the same number as in 1964.

	1964		1965	
Category	Cases	Hours	Cases	Hours
Sick Housewife	-	-	1	105
Chronic Sick	9	4,323	8	3,430

### Infant Welfare Centre.

A clinic is held at Reeth once per month and is attended by a local General Practioner as well as the District/Midwife.  
Nurse

### Infantile Mortality Comparisons per 1,000 Live Births.

Reeth Rural District, 1965	... ..	00.00
Reeth Rural District, 1964	... ..	50.00
England and Wales, 1965	... ..	19.00

Legitimate infant deaths per 1,000 legitimate live births,	00.00
Illegitimate infant deaths per 1,000 illegitimate live births,	00.00
Neo-natal Mortality Rate, (deaths under four weeks per 1,000 total live births),	00.00
Early Neo-natal Mortality Rate (deaths under 1 week per 1,000	



1,000 total live births), 00.00  
Peri-natal Mortality Rate (still births and deaths under  
1 week combined per 1,000 total live and still births 95.23

Deaths from all causes.

During the year 1965 there were 24 deaths from all causes registered in the District, as against 27 in 1964. The death rate is lower than that for England and Wales.

Death Rate Comparison

Death rate per 1,000 population (as adjusted by Comparability Factor supplied by the Registrar General).

Reeth Rural District, 1965.....10.22  
Reeth Rural District, 1964.....11.63  
England and Wales, 1965.....11.5


Causes of all Deaths - Compared with 1964

<u>Diseases</u>	<u>1964</u>		<u>1965</u>	
	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>
Malignant Neoplasm, Lung Bronchus.	-	-	2	-
Other Malignant and Lymphatic Neoplasms.	1	-	-	2
Vascular Lesions of Nervous System.	6	2	2	4
Coronary Disease, Angina.	1	1	3	1
Other Heart Disease.	1	1	3	-
Pneumonia.	1	-	1	1
Other Defined and Ill-Defined Diseases.	3	6	1	1
Bronchitis.	2	1	-	-
All other accidents.	-	1	1	-
Other diseases of Respiratory System.	-	-	1	-
Hyperplasia of Prostate.	-	-	1	-
	<u>15</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>9</u>

Number of Deaths from the Seven Chief Causes.

Per 1,000 Population.

	<u>No.</u>	<u>1964</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>1965</u>
		<u>Rate</u>		<u>Rate</u>
Cancer, ... ..	1	0.57	4	2.27
Heart Disease, .. ...	4	2.29	7	3.97
Respiratory Disease, ... ..	4	2.87	3	1.70
T.B. Pulmonary, ... ..	-	-	-	-
T.B. Non pulmonary, ... ..	-	-	-	-
Other Circulatory Disease, ... ..	-	-	-	-
Vascular Lesions of the Nervous System	8	4.59	6	3.40
	<u>17</u>	<u>10.32</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>12.47</u>



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## REETH RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT: YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1965

PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR & SURVEYOR. Mr. J.V. Metcalfe, M.R.C.I., M.A.P.H.I

To the Chairman and Members of the Reeth Rural District Council.

Mr. Chairman, Lady and Gentlemen,

I beg to submit my report for the year ending 31st December, 1965.

### SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

#### WATER SUPPLIES.

The whole of the area now comes under the jurisdiction and administration of the Northallerton and The Dales Water Board. The existing supplies continue to show varying degrees of pollution by surface water, of 14 samples taken, 3 only were satisfactory, the remaining 11 being classed as unsatisfactory. The supplies at Reeth and Fremington are now chlorinated and bacteriological analysis are classed as good. At times there have been complaints of over chlorination, especially at Fremington, this is understandable as the storage capacity does not allow any period prior to discharge direct into the mains, also the drip feeds cannot always be accurately set. However, the officers of the Board now pay particular attention to the dosing in order to minimise the cause of complaint. At the latter end of the year, a start was made on the new mains supply for the western area, West Stonesdale to Gunnerside.

The several individual private supplies to single houses and farms, impounded from nearby hill springs continue to be subject to surface water pollution during heavy rains.

#### SEWERAGE

No new schemes of sewers or sewerage disposal have been put in hand during the year. The proposed combined scheme for Reeth, Fremington and Grinton was approved by the Ministry of Housing and Local Government to apply for Tenders, but owing to the death of the Council's Consulting Engineer, Mr. W.K. Rodwell, any progress was delayed pending the appointment of another firm of Consultants. Messrs. John Dossor & Associates of York were appointed to carry on with this scheme, but there is unavoidable delay before Tenders can be advertised for.

At Langthwaite, Arkletown, Arkengarthdale School and nearby properties, crude sewage is discharged direct into the Arkle Beck, also, the effluent discharge from C.B. Yard is classified as "crude sewage". Following reports by Dr. H.R. Morrison, the Council's Medical Officer of Health and myself, the Council agreed that a proper scheme of sewers and sewage disposal to this area was necessary and passed a resolution that when the Reeth scheme was commenced, a scheme for Arkengarthdale should be prepared.

The existing means of disposal at Keld, Muker, Gunnerside and Healaugh discharge effluents into streams which are classified as "crude sewage" and the need is for new and improved disposal works. Any positive maintenance of existing works is restricted, due to the lack of any staff transport and equipment. Such maintenance as is carried out is by the two employees primarily engaged on Refuse Collection, causing disruption of that service. The new works at Thwaite are attended to on a part time basis and the de-sludging of the tanks by private contract.

#### CLOSET ACCOMMODATION.

Conversion of "dry" closets to W.C.s. 11. Additional W.C.s. 6. New drainage inspected and tested - 372 yards. Tests to existing drains, 27. Number of houses with water carriage system, 827. Number of houses with dry closets, 105. Number of houses connected to Council sewers, 398.

#### PUBLIC CLEANING

The collection and disposal of refuse has been maintained during the year, but only as can be expected with one vehicle and two operatives, the frequency of collection cannot be as regular as would be desired, due to interruptions of annual and general holidays. Again, during winter months there have been frequent interruptions - during the year under review, there were 25 working days lost when the vehicle was



unable to get to the tip at Arkengarthdale. Following such periods, the collections are disorganised and the two employees have, following improved weather conditions to make up for lost time by carrying heavier loads in the bins to remove the accumulated refuse. In addition there are days when, at the tip, working conditions are extremely difficult owing to high winds and heavy rain. Adequate control of the deposited refuse cannot be carried out owing to the lack of any bull-dozing equipment or labour.

#### PUBLIC CONVENIENCES.

The contract for the extension to the public conveniences at Reeth was agreed by the Council, that of Messrs. Blenkiron & Son for the sum of £580. 6. 3. and now only awaits the final approval of the Ministry of Housing and Local Government before the work can be commenced.

The proposed Conveniences and Car Park at Keld, to be undertaken by the County Council, have been delayed pending the acquisition of a suitable site.

The existing conveniences at Reeth, Grinton, Lenthwaite, Low Row, Gunnerside and Muker continue to be maintained by part time caretakers. Locks and coin boxes are frequently damaged and at times, the toilets are mis-used causing inconvenience to other users.

#### COUNCIL HOUSES: REETH AND GUNNERSIDE.

These houses continue to be well maintained, clean and tidy, including the gardens by all tenants. Only minor repairs have been necessary. The contract for the exterior painting was in hand during the year.

A start was made on the building of 9 Old Peoples Bungalows at Reeth - 5 - 2 Bedroom and 4 - 1 Bedroom.

5 new houses have been provided by private enterprise during the year - 3 by new buildings and 2 by conversions.

#### EXISTING HOUSES

Number of houses in the area	932
Number of houses in Clearance Areas	Nil
Number of houses made fit after formal action	Nil
Number of unfit houses made fit after informal action	27
Unfit houses occupied and subject to a Closing Order.	Nil
Unfit houses closed	Nil
Unfit houses now closed and subject to an undertaking not to be used for habitation	Nil

#### Rent Act 1957

No applications for Certificates of Disrepair have been received.

#### Classification of Houses

Number of houses in the area	932
Class 1 - Fit in all respects	160
Class 2 - Minor defects only	638
Class 3 - Requiring repairs and improvements	129
Class 5 - Unfit	5

188 houses in the district are occupied as holiday cottages.

#### HOUSE PURCHASE AND HOUSING ACT

(1) STANDARD GRANTS.	Owner/occupiers.	Tenanted.
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Number of applications received	7	8
Number approved	7	8
Number of dwellings improved	7	8

Amount paid in Standard Grants.....£662. 10. 0.

Average grant per house £44.



Amenities provided	(a) Fixed Bath.....	13
	(b) Wash hand basin.....	13
	(c) Hot Water supply.....	13
	(d) Water closet within dwelling	15
	(e) Food Store.....	3

<u>Discretionary Grants.</u>		Owner/occupiers	Tenanted.
Number of applications received		9	3
Number approved		6	3
Number refused		3	1
Number of dwellings improved		6	3
Amount paid in grants	£1,648.		
Average per house	£183.		

INSPECTION OF DWELLINGHOUSES DURING THE YEAR.

(a) Total number of houses inspected during the year for housing defects(Public Health or Housing)	71
(b) Number of inspections made for the purposes	112
(a) Number of houses (exclusive of those referred to under preceding sub-head) found not in all respects reasonably fit for habitation	37
(b) Number of houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for habitation	5

Remedy of defects without service of notice.

Number of houses made fit in consequence of informal action by the local authority or their officers	26
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Statutory proceedings during the year.

(a) Proceedings under the Housing Acts in relation to individual unfit houses	2
(b) Statutory proceedings under the Public Health Acts	Nil
(c) Proceedings under the Housing Acts for demolition of individual unfit houses	Nil

Housing Act 1936 Part IV-Overcrowding

There is no overcrowding in the area.

FOOD  
Number and Type of Food Premises in the Area.

Private Slaughterhouses - 2; Retail Butcher Shops - 2; Butchers Vans retailing meat - 4; Premises Registered for the preparation of Cooked Meats -3; Ice Cream Manufacturers - 1(cold mix only) Premises Registered for the sale of pre-packed Ice Cream - 17; Bakeries - 3; Cafes - 8; General Dealers, retail food shops - 16 Food Retailing Vans - 4; Retail Fish Vans - 1; Youth Hostels - 2; Private Hotels - 6; Boarding Houses - 26; Licensed Premises - 10.

Registered Dairies. All milk retailed in the district is from "Producer Retailers".

Slaughterhouses The two private slaughterhouses conform to Slaughter-houses (Construction) Regulations - one for the slaughter of cattle, sheep and pigs, the other for sheep and pigs only. The slaughterhouses are not frequently used, meat for retailing being purchased by the butchers at wholesale markets "off the hook".

<u>Meat Inspection.</u>	<u>Cattle</u> <u>Excluding</u> <u>Cows.</u>	<u>Cows</u>	<u>Calves.</u>	<u>Sheep.</u>	<u>Pigs.</u>
Number killed	1	2	3	72	16
Number inspected	1	2	3	72	16

All diseases except  
Tuberculosis and  
Cysticerci

Whole carcasses condemned	--	--	--	--
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	--	1	--	1
<u>Tuberculosis only.</u>	--	--	--	--
<u>Cysticerci</u>	--	--	--	--

Unsound food condemned at slaughterhouses. 1 cwt. 3 bs.

Unsound food at other Premises Nil

ICE CREAM(Heat Treatment)Regulations.

The one registered manufacturer uses only the "Cold Mix" process.

INSPECTION OF REGISTERED PREMISES.

Cooked meat preparation	42
Ice cream manufacture	4
Ice cream sale shops	79

Food Hygiene Regulations

Number of inspections	162
Number of unsatisfactory conditions found	6
Number remedied	6
Meat Inspection visits	31
Number of animals inspected	94

Retail Food Shops.

All the retail shops are "family shops" and all have toilet accommodation and washing facilities easily available with hot and cold running water.

Food Establishments.- Hotels,Licensed Premises,Cafes,Shops, etc.

Routine inspections are carried out and generally it was found that food was stored,prepared,handled and served with due regard to hygienic practice. Of the six unsatisfactory conditions found, these were:-

- 2 for food exposed for sale in a position liable to contamination;
- 2 for materials in slaughterhouses not intended for use in slaughtering
- and 2 for untidy condition of beer cellars.

SHOPS,OFFICES AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT 1963.

Registration and General Inspections.

Class of Premises.	Number Registered.	Number Inspected.
Offices	2	2
Retail Shops	1	1
Wholesale Warehouses	1	1
Catering Establishments	3	3
Total	7	7

Number of inspections: 47

Contraventions. Cleanliness. 1: Temperature. 4: Ventilation. 1:  
Sanitary Conveniences. 1: Washing Facilities. 1:  
Clothing accomodation. 2: Sitting facilities. 1:  
Eating facilities. 1: First Aid. 2: Total. 14:  
Certificates of Exemption. Nil.  
Reported accidents. Nil.

SCHOOLS.

The water supplies to schools has been maintained during the year. For drinking purposes, each school is provided with tap filters. The meals service continues to be carried on in a satisfactory manner.

RODENT CONTROL.

Number of properties in District.	Local Authority.	Dwelling Houses.	All other properties.	Total (1.2.3.)	Agric- ulture.
	13	698	67	778	234
Properties inspected as a result of notification -		12	3	15	2
Infestations. Common Rat.		8	2	10	2
Mice		4	1	5	
Properties inspected in course of Survey under the Act.	13	23	18	54	36
Infestations found	5	6	1	12	7
Treatments carried out	33	42	10	85	-

Only "minor" infestations were found, no "major" infestations having to be dealt with.

FACTORIES ACT. (PART 1)

Number of premises on the Register. 7.  
Number of Inspections. 52.

CARAVAN & CONTROL OF DEVELOPMENT ACT.

Number of licensed Caravan Sites. 14  
Number of Caravans. 40  
Number of Site Inspections. 62

The provision of a toilet block was in progress during the year to the site at Scabba Wath.

All sites have been kept tidy, clean and free from complaints.

Camping.

10 camping sites used during the year were properly organised, well maintained and supervised.

Number of visits 26

NUISANCES.

Inspection for nuisances only 6  
Number of nuisances found 6  
Number needing abatement 6  
Number abated 6

GENERAL INSPECTIONS.

Drainage works in progress. 68; Complaints investigated. 18; Housing Improvement works in progress. 142; Housing repair works in progress. 57; Visits to learn if works have been carried out, 67; Licensed premises. 72; Catering Establishments. 94; Offices & Shops Act. 47; Food Hygiene Regulations. 130; Schools. 14; Bakeries. 26.



Refuse tips. 48; Sewerage works. 73; Miscellaneous. 87; Building Byelaws. 114; Petroleum Regulations. 48; Shops Act. 54:

CONCLUSION.

I have pleasure in again recording my thanks to the Chairman and Members of the Council, to the Medical Officer of Health, Dr. H.R. Morrison and to the Clerk of the Council, Mr. Malcolm E. Scott including his staff for the courtesy and assistance extended to me during the year. My thanks and appreciation also to Messrs. J.A. Barningham and J.N. Whitehead for their service on the refuse collection and disposal, often carried out under trying weather conditions.

I am, Mr. Chairman, Lady and Gentlemen,

your obedient servant,

J.V. Metcalfe.

Public Health Inspector & Surveyor.